



**TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR AMENDMENT
AFTER FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

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Group Art Unit: **3731**

In re patent application of: **Ball et al.**

Examiner: **S. Webb**

Serial No. **10/074,372**

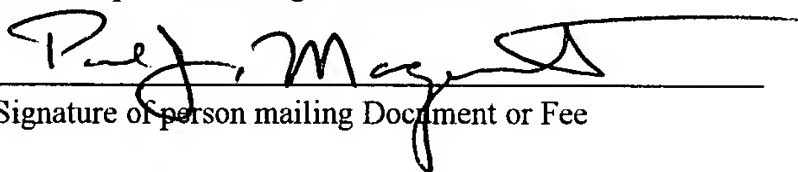
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For: **Cutting Device for Use in a Medical Procedure**

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TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment After First Office Action in the abovel-identified patent application. Also submitted herewith is a Petition for one month Extension of Time. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

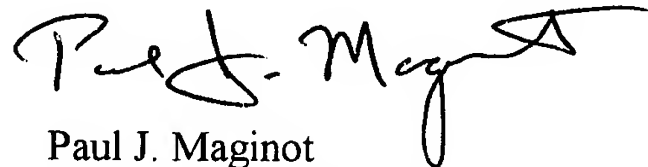
CLAIMS AS AMENDED

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Paid For	Fee Calculation	Addit Fee
Total Claims	31	34	0 x 18	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	11	3	8 X 86	\$688.00
Total Additional Fee Required				\$688.00

- * A check in the amount of \$798.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a Petition for one month Extension of Time (\$110.00) and eight additional independent claims (\$688.00).
- * Please provide any further extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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